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Meets first and third Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Cross building 90 Brees St. All who have an INTEREST in amateur radio are cordially invited to attend

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"by The WAY"

de WA5 QHG

Another San Antonio Radio Club year rolls around and your new officers (listed above) express appreciation for your confidence in them. However, it's not the officers' club--it's your club. The club will be what YOU make it, so pitch in wherever and whenever needed (even when no one asks you). Frank W5QMH will need your help on Field Day; Everett W5SJP, program chairman, needs programs; news items for the Bull-etin can cover everyone only if everyone supplies news; etc.

As of September 1, there were 134 paid-up members. Where does the money go? What does a member get for his $5.00? Let's not look at the dollars and cents, but rather "How many memberships does each activity cost?" Some of last year's expenses would look like this:

Bull-etin	36	members
Christmas Dance expense	32	"
ARRL Director's campaign	18	"
Field Day	17	"
Red Cross W5SC Station	8	"
Attendance prizes	24	"
	135	members

It is easy to see that if the number of SARC members is not increased we either go in the red or curtail some activities (heaven forbid!). Let's strive for 150 members this year. Be sure to pay YOUR dues and get a non-member or inactive friend to join NOW!

The Code and Theory classes are again running at the Jewish Community Center. The Novice Class ran from September 14 to November 11. There were about 25 in the group. Carl WA5DQG taught both the code and theory. Instructions for General Class started on Nov. 16 and will run 15 weeks. Joe Gallagher WA5OMB is instructing in theory, with Carl continuing with the code.

Again Dean W5BGE is chairman of the Christmas Party Committee; committee members are Gladys Way in charge of Decorations, assisted by Ruth Jank K5OPT, Frances Bruemmer W5KQG, Betty Gerwitz, and the Twins (Linda and Brenda Trappe). The Christmas Party is on Saturday, December 11 at Strange's Party House. It appears that it will be even better than those in the past--so get your tickets early. See you there.

73, Bill WA5QHG.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN Nr 348 from ARRL Headquarters Newington Conn Nov. 11, 1971 to all Radio Amateurs BT Utilizing the extensive data furnished by the VHF Repeater Advisory Committee, ARRL has now produced an updated directory of repeaters. This detailed listing includes information from the VRAC and the summer edition of the directory, indicating area served by the repeater, call used, type frequency, system modulation, access method, power, repeater location and elevation, and sponsor. Directory available without charge from ARRL. Send large addressed envelope with 24 cents postage. AR

HOW TO HOOK-UP A TOUCHTONE* PAD

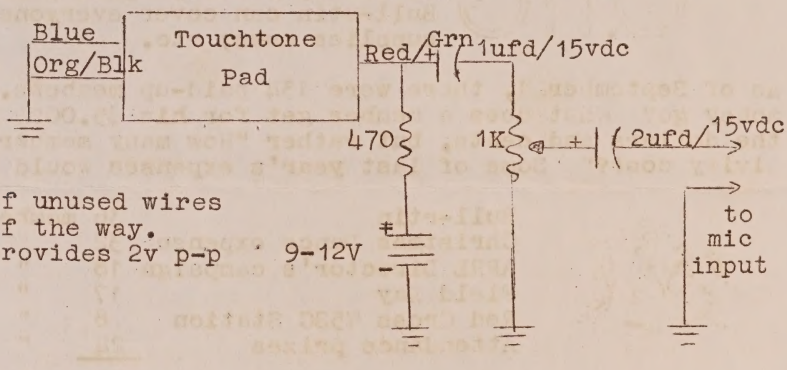
by

W5ETG

With the advent of a 2 Meter FM autopatch repeater, more and more amateurs in the S.A. area are asking questions about how to interface their transmitters with the Touchtone* Pad. It takes some amount of nerve (or just plain guts) to attempt the interconnection without some research into the already published data. After all the little electromechnaical marvel with the buttons costs about $22.00 and it could make some pretty expensive smoke.

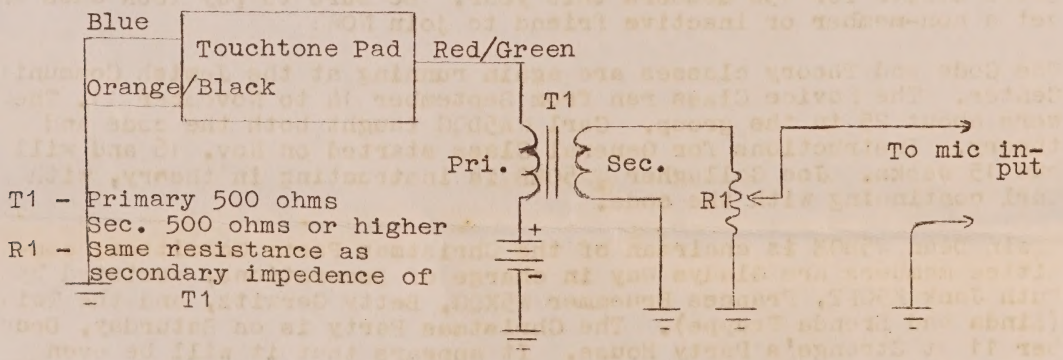
This article describes two ways I have connected the pad to GE Progress Line type equipment. I see no reason why either of these methods should not work for any non-carbon mic circuit. There are evidently at least two (and probably more) models of the pad as manufactured by Western Electric. Some have 8 wires and and some have 10 wires coming out of the bottom/sides of the pad. Color coding is standard, however, so it doesn't make any difference. We are only interested in three of them. Power requirements for the pad are very small. It will operate fine on anything from a 9V transistor battery to your car's battery. If you don't like changing batteries every couple of months, just plug it into the cigar lighter socket.

The Simple Way



1. Cut lugs off of unused wires & secure out of the way.
2. This circuit provides 2v p-p max.

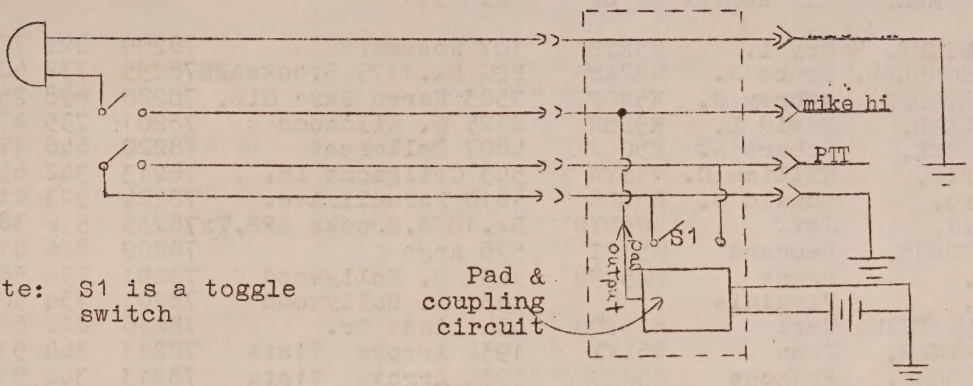
If the "simple way" looks too easy, you can use this circuit -- which may be simpler if you have a suitable transformer in the junkbox.



There are at least 3 other ways to hook-up the pad. I have not found any other method as satisfactory as the two above. Note that in the above method a power switch is not required. The buttons apply when depressed. The method in 73, page 126, requires a power switch or else the pad will draw current when not in use.

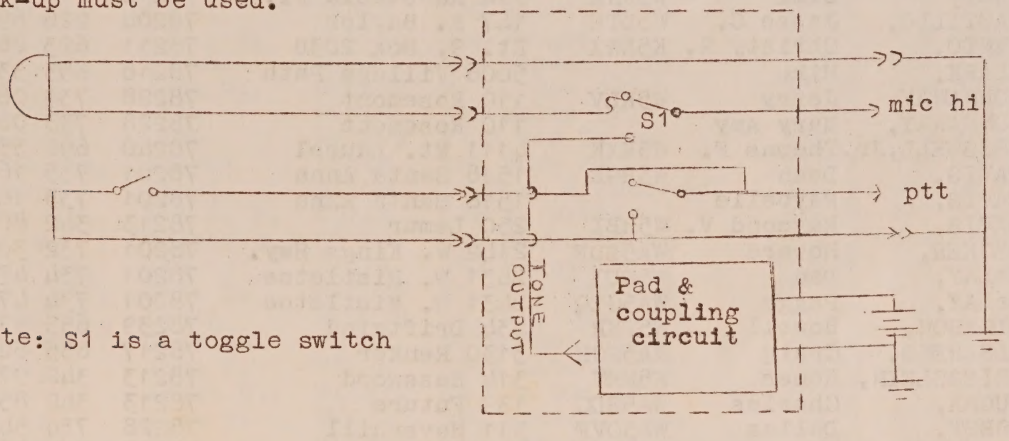
Interconnections

Many of the commercial two-way units use a microphone with a dpst push-to-talk switch. The schematic on the following page simplifies the connection of the pad to the rig.



Note: S1 is a toggle switch

If the PTT switch in the mic is not double pole, something like this hook-up must be used.



Note: S1 is a toggle switch

Level Adjustment: The tone level is adjusted for a transmitter frequency deviation of 3.3 KHz. This deviation setting is quickly becoming standard for tone signalling. The transmitter must be checked for distortion of the tone at this level or the decoders at the receiving end will not accept the tones. The level adjustment is very important to proper system operation and good results should not be expected without the use of test equipment.

Test equipment required: A properly aligned receiver and a scope or a Cushman freq. meter, or equiv.

73, Terry W5ETG.

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QRM de K5HXR, SEC S. TEX.

The hurricane season is about over. Time now for snowstorms and floods. Mix these emergencies with a few gas line explosions, railroad accidents, lost child searches and Amateur Radio becomes interesting. As SEC of S. Texas Section ARRL, if I didn't know better, these things never occurred. During past 6 months, I did not receive one report before emergency preparedness operation began, nor did anyone call to report an emergency in progress. If newspaper didn't call to find out if Amateur Communications were available in an area, I would not know such a condition existed. This can mean Amateur Radio operators are so well equipped in sparsely populated towns they either don't need additional help, or they want to keep secrets. Having been an active participant in several emergencies away from Houston, I have often heard the question asked, "Where is the EC or SEC?" This may be the answer, no one tells him what is going on.

ARRL allows long distance telephone expense to the SEC and SCM. Call collect or send a radiogram, please. My telephone numbers are: Home- 713 946 5951, Office- 713 526 2771 ext 278, Mother- 713 941 7318. Office number is answered 24 hours a day and the answering service can always reach me. Mailing address is 10202 Aves St., Houston, Tx. 77034. Call collect--haveWATS during day and can call at no expense.

We have available to you, personnel & equipment thru Red Cross, Salvation Army, TENNECO Oil Co. Red Adair, Trans Continental Oil Co. and others if you need help. These "contacts" are results of Amateurs helping the groups named, and they want to reciprocate. I will be happy to meet with any groups weekends, if invited.

73, James Freeman K5HXR
Section Emergency Coordinator, S.Tex.Sect. ARRL

SARC MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AS OF 1 SEPT 1971

ALBRIGHT,	Roy L.	W5EYB	107 Rosemary	78209	822	7269
ALTSCHULER,	Bruce R.	WB2AHW	PSC Bx.1179,BrooksAFB	78235	732	4271
ARMSTRONG,	Aubrey G.	K5MOF	7503 Karen Skye Cir.	78228	698	2564
BALLARD,	David L.	K5BSH	2125 W. Wildwood	78201	735	2713
BALUSEK,	Robert A.	K5OZF	4807 Dellcrest	78220	648	1775
BETTIS,	William C.	W5GYW	543 Craigmont Ln.	78213	342	6564
BOCKO,	Donald G.	W5ZDU	1810 Parnell Ave.	78224	923	2109
BLAIR,	Jeff	WN5DYB	Bx.1078,Brooks AFB,Tx	78235	536	3827
BORCHERS,	Leonard	W5JBI	525 Argo	78209	826	4135
BOX,	Frank	WA5VFM	1431 W. Hollywood	78201	734	5893
BOX,	Virginia		1431 W. Hollywood	78201	734	5893
BRAUNSTEIN,	Carl	WA5DQG	434 Linda Dr.	78216	822	5876
BRUEMMER,	John	W5LVE	1934 Arroya Vista	78213	344	5134
BRUEMMER,	Frances	W5KQG	1934 Arroya Vista	78213	344	5134
BUCK,	Everett R.	W5SJP	Rt. 10, Box 232	78216	694	2414
CASE,	Bill	W5FNA	114 Anastacia Pl.	78212		
CASTILLO,	Jesse C.	W5DTK	147 E. Baylor	78204	226	6986
CENTO,	Christy R.	K5DWX	Rt. 9, Box 203B	78211	623	2619
CLARK,	Mike		5006 Village Path	78218	653	3333
CONNAWAY,	Jerry	W5KLV	110 Rosemont	78228	733	0653
CONNAWAY,	Mary Amy		110 Rosemont	78228	733	0653
CRISWELL,Jr.	Thomas F.	W5MXK	4111 Mt. Laurel	78240	696	3576
DAVIS,	Dean	W5BGE	1518 Santa Anna	78201	735	1622
DAVIS,	Maybelle		1518 Santa Anna	78201	735	1622
DAVIS,	Raymond V.	W5HBI	250 Lemur	78213	342	8023
DECKER,	Howard	WA5ZDF	2142 W. Kings Hwy.	78201	732	3069
DeLAY,	Dan	W5DUI	2431 W. Mistletoe	78201	734	4739
DeLAY,	Peggy	WA5GZQ	2431 W. Mistletoe	78201	734	4739
DICKSON,	Howell	W5FKR	434 Driftwind	78239	655	5795
DISERENS,	Craig	WA5WGH	3130 Renker	78217	655	8255
DRIESSLEIN,	Homer	K5MEN	314 Basswood	78213	342	9775
DUOBA,	Charles	WA5SDC	139 Future	78213	342	8584
EBEST,	Dallas	WA5OVF	311 Haverhill	78228	734	5453
EGGLESTON,	Les	WA5GOQ	230 Montpelier	78228	734	0698
EISENMAN,	Robert	WA5ICH	4418 Hollyridge	78228	432	0118
ESSINGTON,	Les	W5BE	Rt. 8, Box 287D	78228		
FAIRMAN,	Jack		9802 Carolwood	78213	342	5437
FISHER,	Mark	WN5CVP	120 Wellesley	78209	826	4438
FITSHUGH,	J. V.	W5VL	501 Shook	78212	732	3467
FURHMAN,	Tom	WN5BKK	107 Morningside	78209	822	1050
GAFFORD,	Wally	WB5DTW	714 Patricia	78216	344	3602
GALLAGHER,	Ed	WA5TPK	6827 Martinique	78227	674	2209
GERWITZ,	Frank	W5QMH	3842 Crossette	78228	734	5598
GOEPPINGER,	John L.	WAØJZR	Co.A 1st Bn.MFSS Ft.Sam Ho.	78234		
HALE,	William C.	WA5OJC	5626 Ponderosa	78240	684	1200
HACKETT,	Robert E.	W5ELP	1931 Steves	78210	533	5205
HARRIS,	M. D.	K5PKX	513 Nardac	78218	655	0437
HENDERSON,	George	W5OI	2641 Nacogdoches Rd.	78217	824	5612
HENDERSON,	John	WN5FJF	111 Howerton	78223	534	0956
HERSHMAN,	Boyd E.	WB5DTH	6714 Lucerne	78218	653	4811
HIATT,	Maurice F.	W5NHK	622 Karen Ln.	78218	822	0703
HICKS,	James M.	W5EZY	525 Glamis Ave.	78223	534	5673
HIGGINS,	Larry	W5QMU	2522 Old Hickory Trl.	78230	341	2910
HOSEA,	Thomas J.		323 Altgelt Ave.	78201	733	0853
HODGDON,	Francis B.	WN5ERI	Rt.13,Box 172S	78218	655	3607
HUMLICEK,	Lawrence P.	WA5PAF	254 Future	78213	341	8092
HUNTER,	David	W5DUU	6013 Rue Sophie	78238	684	4657
INABNET,	H. M.	W5IYA	1754 Donaldson	78228	433	7182
JANK,	Gene	W5EJT	100 N. Winston Ln.	78213	342	2225
JANK,	Ruth	K5OPT	100 N. Winston Ln.	78213	342	2225
JARLEN,	Rolf	W5HWV	P. O. Box 16277	78216	344	8331
JENSEN.	Edgar	K5HSX	216 Pleasant Dr.	78201	734	0024
JORDAN,	Frank	W5EDX	2334 W. Mulberry	78201	733	8978
JOERG,	Charles M.	WA5JVX	263 W. Harding Blvd.	78221		
KARPOWICZ,	Gregory	WA5UAM	138 Tabard Dr.	78213	736	0615
JONES,	Leonard	K5KRZ	122 Saratoga	78213	341	2389
KAY,	Joe	W5RTP	1234 Oblate Dr.	78216	826	6760
KELLY,	Wayne	W5FZH	163 Greenhaven	78201	344	5950
KIRBY,	Harry	WA5QWR	114 Downing Dr.	78209	824	8740
KOLARS,	Keith	WAØRUX	511 Demya	78227	674	5955
KRAUSE,	Stanley M.	WA5WRM	2937C Olive Cts.,Ft.Meade,Md.	20758		
LANDERS,	L.Jackson	K5AD	113 E. Huisache	78212	734	4750
LOPEZ,	George	WN5AAV	122 Channing Dr.	78210	534	4696
LOVE,	Boyd R.	WN5BDS	234 Barrett Pl.	78225	923	3831
LYON,	Van T.	WA5YDN	225 Cromwell	78228	733	0953

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MANGOLD,	Ivan	WA5RNV	8702 Post Oak Ln.	78209	826 6515
MANISCALCO,	Chuck	K5AIU	146 Mink Dr.	78213	344 3230
MANN,	Tom	WA5SCB	157 Brooks Parkway	78214	924 4619
McRENOLDS,Jr.	Rex	WN5CYQ	500 Travertine	78213	344 2667
McBIGHT,	Bill	K5MTB	817 W.Mulberry,Apt.2	78212	735 9591
MEYERS,	Harry L.	WA5BZR	Rt. 1, Box 741.Adkins	78101	649 2990
MILLER,	John	K5FVW	2414 Glen Ivy	78213	344 2439
MOORE,	Grant W.	W5DRO	118 Erskine Pl.	78201	732 6657
MORGAN,	Gerald C.	W5ABQ	1823 W. French Pl.	78201	735 0407
MUNSCH,	George	W5VPO	11314 Janet Lee	78230	344 4191
MUNSCH,	Ella	W5TSE	11314 Janet Lee	78230	344 4191
NEMICK,	Ellis E.	W5PXR	531 Greenmeadow	78213	341 2140
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ORDWAY,	Sidney	WN6ZLK	1254 Prima Vista	78233	653 2827
OSBORN,	Robert T.	WA5JDU	2315 W. Kings Hwy.	78201	733 9474
PARKINSON,	Willard	WA5TOH	7922 Remuda	78227	674 5945
PARKS,	C. B.	W5UNE	319 Sinclair Rd.	78222	333 6364
PERRY,	Larry E.	WB5ARB	142 Vaughn Pl.	78201	734 0226
PHILLIPS,	Claude	W5KJ	444 Hammond Ave.	78216	532 9930
PIPPIN,	John W.	WN5BST	P. O. Box 871	78206	732 3962
RICHTER,	Otto	W5FFA	135 Melba Dr.	78216	826 4072
RISCHER,	Carl	WA5RSE	5727 Ben Casey	78240	684 2922
RODRIQUEZ,	Robert	K5AUW	467 Furr Dr.	78201	735 0983
ROLAND,	Floyd	W5JKU	1810 W. Hildebrand	78201	732 9275
ROSS, Jr.	Wm. J. B.	K5LLK	426 E. Myrtle	78212	225 3746
ROSSON,	Walter E.	K5RWJ	308 Tamworth	78213	344 4691
RUTLEDGE,	Jim	K5UKN	212 Placid	78228	735 8919
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SCHNEIDER,	Laura	WN5FFP	Rt. 15, Box 196E	78228	695 3391
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SHEAN,	John P.	W5LPO	3302 Litchfield	78230	696 1879
SHEW,	James H.	WA5WVU	Rt. 1, Box 423	78223	734 4693
SKILES,	Jack V.	WN5CQR	250 Pinewood Ln.	78216	826 3079
SMALLEY,	Jack	WB5ERQ	815 Afterglow,Apt.24A	78216	341 5347
SMITH,	Peter	W6DUI	1060 Curtess Ave.Schertz,	78154	658 1178
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SPIES,	Richard E.	WA5FOE	431 Club Dr.	78201	734 4788
STEWART,	Leo	W5IPL	113 N. Verde	78228	684 2539
STEVENS,Jr.	James	WN5EUU	5203 Charter Oak Dr.	78229	634 0656
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TRAPPE,	Brenda		522 Sprucewood	78216	
TRAPPE,	Linda		522 Sprucewood	78216	
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ULREY,	Emma		4215 Dysart Dr.	78220	333 0060
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WAY,	Gladys S.		215 Cheryl Dr. East	78228	433 5154
WHEATON,	Robert G.	W5PKK	Rt.2,Box 324D	78228	695 8430
WIGTON,	Robert A.	WA5WON	7600 Military Dr Nr 50	78227	674 0041
WILLIAMS,	Earl	K5YNS	1201 E.Mulberry Apt.302,	78215	824 4713
WILLIAMS,	George	W5KCV	3957 Willowbrook	78228	733 8028
WILLIAMS,	Lawrence		714 Olney Dr.	78209	822 0408
WRIGHT,	Alan		712 Rittiman Rd.	78209	822 3286
ROBERTS,	John W	K5OFJ	5526 Newcomb	78240	684 3890

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SCM REPORT by K5HZR

Since I asked our SEC to write the article for this edition of the Bell-etin I will be brief. Jim didn't know about hurricane "Laura" when he wrote his item, so that shows that we can never relax in our preparedness. In this connection, the next ARRL Simulated Emergency Test will take place January 29 & 30, 1972. This serious operating exercise tests both emergency preparedness on a community to community basis as well as long haul traffic facilities. Plan now to participate by contacting your local Emergency Coordinator. Full SET details in January QST. Establish liaison with the NTS thru Section nets (TTN or TEX cw). Now is a good time to review your net's or AREC Emergency Operations Plan. EC's try out mutual assistance pacts with neighboring county EC. Here's wishing successful SET, hope we can profit from our past mistakes. 73 Lee K5HZR, SCM, S. Tex. Sect.

Christmas Dinner Dance

Dec 11

CQ ALL SAN ANTONIO AREA RADIO AMATEURS! The San Antonio Radio Club Annual Christmas Dinner Dance will be Saturday, Dec.11 at the Strange's Party House, 1513 Bandera Road. All Amateurs and their XYL's/YLs/OMs are invited to attend this gala event.

Social hour will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Set-ups will be furnished, so BYOB. Chips and dips will be served during this time, also during the dance. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. Don Strange has promised us a real Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. You will have a choice of turkey and dressing, three other meats, (all if you so desire)--the usual excellent dinner that they are well known for--always plenty to eat! Dancing will be from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. Music will be played by the popular area group, "Larry and the Premiers". So wear your dancing shoes and be prepared to "trip the light fantastic!"

Last year there were more than 100 in attendance including 2 from Houston, 2 from Ft. Worth, 4 from Seguin, 2 from New Braunfels, 2 from Austin, 4 from Corpus Christi, and 1 from Von Ormy. The tickets are already going at a fast rate. Tickets this year will be limited to 125--so-o-o get yours early! Tickets are $6 per person. (High school members and their dates are half price.)

Decorations will be handled by Gladys Way, chairman, assisted by Ruth Jank, Frances Bruemmer, Betty Gerwitz, and the Trappe twins.

TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:

Bill Way	WA5QHG	433-5154
Gene Jank	W5EJT	342-2225
Frank Gerwitz	W5QMH	734-5598
Terry Turner	W5ETG	434-1609
Roy Albright	W5EYB	822-7269
John Shean	W5LPO	696-1879
Frances Bruemmer	W5KQG	344-5134
Ivan Mangold	WA5RNV	826-6515
Lee Ulrey	K5HZR	333-0060
Bob Wheaton	W5PKK	695-8430
Dean Davis	W5BGE	735-1622

73 Dean, W5BGE
Arrangements Chairman.

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S.A. Radio Club

The San Antonio Radio Club has been mailing bulletins to some 165 amateurs in the San Antonio area who are not club members for two years now. Postage has increased to eight cents;paper and other items pertinent to publishing this bulletin have gone up. The executive committee has carefully considered these rising costs and has decided that those amateurs in the San Antonio area who are not members of the club would be asked to send one dollar donation to help defray the mailing costs, if they would like their name to be kept on the mailing list. Please send your donation to San Antonio Radio Club, 1431 W. Hollywood, San Antonio, Texas 78201.

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DUES ARE DUE

DUE YOU?

We wish to advise that a number of formerly active members of the San Antonio Radio Club might be under the impression they are no longer one of us because they have neglected to pay dues regularly, or have not paid at all in quite a while. Please be advised the policy of this club is to deny voting privileges only to delinquent members, unless the club takes affirmative action to declare one a non-member.

We want you to continue your membership and support. You need the club, if you are a San Antonio area amateur. THE CLUB NEEDS YOU! Your dues payments help defray necessary club expenses, and insure that you will continue to receive the club bulletin wherein you can keep abreast of radio amateur activities in this area. Mail your annual dues ($5.00 check, Please,) to SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB, 1431 W. Hollywood, San Antonio, Texas, 78201. A membership card will be mailed to you. (Application/ Renewal blank at bottom of this page for your convenience. Use it.)

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SARO REPORT--New officers of the San Antonio Repeater Organization are: Dave Woodruff WB5DFQ, president; Tex Kenedy W5QDB, vice-pres., Jack Johnson WA5VZV, secretary; M. D. Harris K5PKK, treasurer. Larry Higgings W5QMU has been elected president of the Texas VHF Society and is on the 7-man board of directors. Plans are being made for the next meeting of the Tex. VHF Society which be held in Corpus Christi on the 26 and 27 Feb. '72 (a tech-type meeting). A Hal ID will be used with the phone patch repeater--it keys every 2:58 minutes by the clock.

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HELP NEEDED FOR A NOVICE!---Do you have the following parts in your junk box? 40 meter novice tank coil similiar to B&W #3111 40JCL;6AG7 tube; 75mmfd variable capacitor; 200 ma meter; novice crystals--If so contact Jimmy Stevens WN5EUU, 5203 Charter Oak Dr., 78229,ph.684 0656.

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WHAT? MOVING AGAIN? -- Thad Johnson W5IRQ, ex-San Antonian and now in Corpus Christi is planning to move his family to Houston come the first of the year, still working (?) for the same company.

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FLASH--Roy Albright W5EYB entered Brooks General Hospital Nov. 15 for surgery, now home, apparently doing well, under Hazel's special care.

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EDITOR'S NOTE--This will be the first issue on the new (second-hand) mimeograph machine that the club recently purchased--hope colorful improvement will be seen in this and subsequent issues.....

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SARC MEMBERSHIP - APPLICATION/RENEWAL

NAME _____ CALL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

ARRL Member _____ AREC _____

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ARRL ARRL COMMENTS FROM THE WEST GULF DIRECTOR ARRL ARRL

Several inquiries reaching me concerning reports the FCC has embarked on a program to call in Conditional Class licensees for re-examination prompted two telephone calls, one to ARRL Vice President Compton, who was reported to have made the statement at the recent Albuquerque hamfest, the other, on Mr. Compton's recommendation, to Mr. Robert M. Booth, Jr., ARRL Legal Counsel in Washington, D.C. I took this action because there was some variation in reports reaching me. It is believed Mr.Booth's following reply will clarify the issue:

"Section 97.35(a) of the FCC Rules provides that any holder of a license "obtained by a mail examination under the supervision of a volunteer examiner may be required to appear for a Commission supervised license examination at a location designated by the Commission. If the licensee fails to appear for this examination, the operator license involved shall be subject to cancellation". Section 97.35(c) provides that the holder of a Conditional Class license "is not required to be re-examined when changing residence and station location to within a regular examination area." (Note: Although not specifically mentioned by Counsel Booth during our discussion of this subject, it should be noted that the provisions of FCC Rules Section 97.35(a) applies also to Technician Class licensees who have obtained their license by mail. -- Albright).

"From time to time over the years, the Commission has called a limited number of Conditional Class licensees for examination under Section 97.35(a) In most cases, those called have lived relatively close to a regular examination point, often close to a Commission field office.

Recent experience has given the Commission a great deal of concern. Almost 60% of those called have failed to appear. Of the remaining 40%, about half have failed. With only about 20% qualifying, the question naturally is raised as to whether the Conditional Class should be continued, and if continued, should be made either non-renewable or not transferable to an area close to a regular examination point. With respect to the latter, even a casual glance at a recent call book shows a significant number of Conditionals living within major metropolitan areas.

Further, although no figures have been made available by the Commission, spot checks of forfeitures (fines) and suspensions indicate a disproportionate number of Conditional licenses involved.

For these reasons, the number of Conditionals called up for examination is expected to increase in the months ahead. Every Conditional, particularly those living close to a Field Office of the FCC, should be prepared to answer the call when it comes. Should the date or examination point work a severe hardship, a waiver or postponement always may be requested. Denial of a waiver or postponement always can be appealed to the Commission for review. While such an appeal is pending, the license will remain in effect if the appeal contains an appropriate request. OF COURSE, EVERY CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN AS IN THE PAST TO THE HANDICAPPED AND THE SICK.

Mr. Booth further commented: "With respect to the VHF Repeater Rule Making proposal, Docket No. 18803, almost every one of the hundreds of comments urged the Commission not to adopt the rigid restrictions and regulations contained in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making. Many, including the ARRL, recommended that the policy of minimum regulation, followed since the birth of amateur radio, be continued so that amateur use of the VHF and UHF bands can be developed by the amateurs rather than masterminded by the Commission.

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